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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8/27/99 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner. *in Paper 7.*
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bamford et al. (US patent 5,506,940).

Regarding claim 1, Bamford discloses a method of selecting a font to output a message represented by at least one unknown language, comprising the steps of:

creating a linked list of structures containing at least one category of information associated with available system fonts;

parsing characters of the message and comparing each character of the message against entries in a character table bank, wherein the entries in the character table bank comprise a plurality of character sets;

identifying the character sets of the character table bank that support the characters of the message;

traversing the linked list of structures to compare the at least one category of information associated with available system fonts against the identified character sets;

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selecting at least one of the available system fonts to output the message based on the comparison results between the at least one category of information associated with available system fonts and the identified character sets (column 6, lines 1-42 and Figure 2B).

Regarding claim 2, Bamford discloses a method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating the linked list of structures containing at least one category of information associated with the available system fonts comprises creating font tag information (column 2, lines 32-45; column 6, lines 33-39).

Regarding claim 3, Bamford discloses a method of claim 1, wherein the message is output to a printer (column 2, lines 35-44 and printer 112).

Regarding claim 5, Bamford teaches a method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying the character sets of the character table bank that support the characters of the message further comprises associating at least a code page to the characters of the message (column 6, lines 33-40).

Regarding claims 6 and 16 arguments analogous to those presented for claim 1, are applicable.

Regarding claim 11, arguments analogous to those presented for claims 1 and 3, are applicable.

Regarding claim 7, 12 and 17 arguments analogous to those presented for claim 2, are applicable.

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Regarding claims 10, 15 and 20, arguments analogous to those presented for claim 5, are applicable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4, 9, 14, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bamford et al. in view of Chan et al. (US patent 6,073,147).

Regarding claim 4, Bamford does not disclose a method of claim 2, wherein the characters of the message are encoded in Unicode. Chan et al. discloses character identification using a more universal set like Unicode (column 4, lines 30-44). Bamford and Chan et al. are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor that is font matching. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art, at the time of invention to use Unicode characters in the Bamford invention to standardize character recognition in multilingual applications.

Regarding claims 9, 14 and 19 arguments analogous to those presented for claim 4, are applicable.

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Contact Information


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to (Iraj) Alan Rahimi whose telephone number is 703-306-3473.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L Coles can be reached on 703-305-4712. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3800.


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